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1. FOLLOWING IN PARA 2 BELOW IS TEXT OF U.S. NOTE DATED

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JANUARY 11, 1975, TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL

CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM (MINUS CANADA, PLUS IRAN AND EXCLUDING DRV, PRG AND GVN). REQUEST YOU CONVEY NOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO HOST GOVERNMENT AND UNSYG. DEPARTMENT WILL RELEASE TEXT TO PRESS AT NOON BRIEFING WASHINGTON TIME JANUARY 13.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO (BLANK) AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET-NAM SIGNED AT PARIS JANUARY 27, 1973, AND TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM SIGNED AT PARIS MARCH 2, 1973.

WHEN THE AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED NEARLY TWO YEARS AGO, OUR HOPE WAS THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK UNDER WHICH THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE COULD MAKE THEIR OWN POLITICAL CHOICES AND RESOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF PEACE. UNFORTUNATELY THIS HOPE, WHICH WAS CLEARLY SHARED BY THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, HAS

BEEN FRUSTRATED BY THE PERSISTENT REFUSAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TO ABIDE BY THE AGREEMENTS'S MOST FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS. SPECIFICALLY, IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND "PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT" AUTHORITIES HAVE:

-- BUILT UP THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MAIN-FORCE ARMY IN THE SOUTH THROUGH THE ILLEGAL INFILTRATION OF OVER 160,000 TROOPS;

-- TRIPLD THE STRENGTH OF THEIR ARMOR IN THE SOUTH BY SENDING IN OVER 400 NEW VEHICLES, AS WELL AS GREATLY INCREASED THEIR ARTILLERY AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONRY;

-- IMPROVED THEIR MILITARY LOGISTICS SYSTEM RUNNING THROUGH LAOS, CAMBODIA AND THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE AS WELL AS WITHIN SOUTH VIET-NAM, AND EXPANDED THEIR ARMAMENT
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STOCKPILES;

-- REFUSED TO DEPLOY THE TEAMS WHICH UNDER THE AGREEMENT WERE TO OVERSEE THE CEASE-FIRE;

-- REFUSED TO PAY THEIR PRESCRIBED SHARE OF THE EXPENSES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION;

-- FAILED TO HONOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO COOPERATE IN RESOLVING THE STATUS OF AMERICAN AND OTHER PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION, EVEN BREAKING OFF ALL DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER BY REFUSING FOR THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS TO MEET WITH U.S. AND REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM;

-- BROKEN OFF ALL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM INCLUDING THE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS AND THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION TALKS IN SAIGON, ANSWERING THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM'S REPEATED CALLS FOR UNCONDITIONAL RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH DEMANDS FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT AS A PRE-CONDITION FOR ANY RENEWED TALKS; AND

-- GRADUALLY INCREASED THEIR MILITARY PRESSURE, OVERRUNNING SEVERAL AREAS, INCLUDING 11 DISTRICT TOWNS, WHICH WERE CLEARLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY HELD BY THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AT THE TIME OF THE CEASE-FIRE. THEIR LATEST AND MOST SERIOUS ESCALATION OF THE FIGHTING BEGAN IN EARLY DECEMBER WITH THE ONSET OF HOSTILITIES IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF SOUTH VIET-NAM WHICH HAVE BROUGHT THE LEVEL OF CASUALTIES AND

DESTRUCTION BACK UP TO WHAT IT WAS BEFORE THE AGREEMENT. THESE ATTACKS -- WHICH INCLUDED FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE MASSIVE NORTH VIETNAMESE 1972 OFFENSIVE THE OVERRUNNING OF A PROVINCE CAPITAL (SONG BE IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE) -- APPEAR TO REFLECT A DECISION BY HANOI TO SEEK ONCE AGAIN TO IMPOSE A MILITARY SOLUTION IN VIET-NAM. COMING JUST BEFORE THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE AGREEMENT, THIS DRAMATICALLY BELIES HANOI'S CLAIMS THAT IT IS THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WHO ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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VIOLATING THE AGREEMENT AND STANDING IN THE WAY OF PEACE.

THE UNITED STATES DEPLORES THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM'S TURNING FROM THE PATH OF NEGOTIATION TO THAT OF WAR, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT IS A GRAVE VIOLATION OF A SOLEMN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE CRUEL PRICE IT IS IMPOSING ON THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIET-NAM. THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM MUST ACCEPT THE FULL CONSEQUENCES OF ITS ACTIONS. WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE THREAT POSED TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, TO THE POLITICAL STABILITY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, TO THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE IN REMOVING VIET-NAM AS A MAJOR ISSUE OF GREAT-POWER CONTENTION, AND TO THE HOPES OF MANKIND FOR THE BUILDING OF STRUCTURES OF PEACE AND THE STRENGTHENING OF MECHANISMS TO AVERT WAR. WE

THEREFORE REITERATE OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM'S CALL TO THE HANOI -- "PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT" SIDE TO REOPEN THE TALKS IN PARIS AND SAIGON WHICH ARE MANDATED BY THE AGREEMENT. WE ALSO URGE THAT (BLANK) CALL UPON THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TO HALT ITS MILITARY OFFENSIVE AND JOIN THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IN RE-ESTABLISHING STABILITY AND SEEKING A POLITICAL SOLUTION.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING.)

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